MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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In Re Patent Application of:
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Title: INDUCTION HEATING APPARATUS	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This correspondence is in response to an Office Action mailed November 30, 2005 setting forth a written restriction requirement. This response is being timely filed within the shortened statutory period set for response.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the application contains claims directed to three patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, including Species A relating to an induction heating apparatus having no cover for a stationary plate, Species B relating to an induction heating apparatus having a mica cover, and Species C relating to an induction heating apparatus having an inorganic fiber cover. The Examiner required election of a single species for prosecution on the merits and identification of the claims reading upon the elected species.

Applicants elect Species B, relating to a mica cover, for examination, and identify claim 7 as reading thereon. The election is made without traverse.

Prompt examination and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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